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**Testimony in SUPPORT of HCR35
REQUESTING THE CONVENING OF A TASK FORCE TO ASSESS THE SCOPE
AND FEASIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING A CENTRALIZED FILING SYSTEM FOR
ADVANCE CARE PLANNING FORMS THAT CAN BE ACCESSED BY ALL
HEALTH FACILITIES**

REPRESENTATIVE DELLA BELATTI, CHAIR
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Hearing Date: March 11, 2015

Room Number: 329

1 **Fiscal Implications:** N/A

2 **Department Testimony:** The Department of Health (DOH) supports HCR35 with amendments.

3 The department recommends striking the focus on a centralized filing system, which is a
4 very specific technology and business model, and instead setting as the goal of the task force a
5 cost-efficient, interoperable, timely, and secure solution for the appropriate access to Advanced
6 Directive information. A centralized filing may be one of many viable solutions but the task
7 force should not be constrained in its deliberations.

8 **Offered Amendments:** Amend page 1, lines 19 – 31, as follows:

9 " BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
10 Twenty-eighth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
11 Session of 2015, the Senate concurring, that the Director of
12 Health is requested to convene a task force to assess the scope
13 and feasibility of establishing a [~~centralized filing system~~
14 ~~for~~] statewide system or protocol in which advance care planning
15 forms [~~that~~] can be accessed by all health facilities; and

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force focus on a
17 [~~centralized filing~~] system or protocol for documents including
18 an individual's health care power of attorney, provider's orders

1 for life-sustaining treatment, advance health care directive,
2 and any other form the Director of Health deems relevant; and"



THE QUEEN'S HEALTH SYSTEMS

To: Chair Della Au Belatti
Vice Chair Richard P. Creagan
House Committee on Health

From: Paula Yoshioka
The Queen's Health Systems

Re: HCR 35, Requesting the Convening of a Task Force to Assess the Scope and Feasibility of Establishing a Centralized Filing System for Advance Care Planning forms that can be Accessed by all Health Facilities
March 11, 2015 at 9:00 AM

The Queen's Health Systems would like to offer support for HCR 35, which would convene a task force to discuss the feasibility of establishing a centralized filing system for advance care planning forms.

As the *Affordable Care Act* continues to be implemented, providers across the nation are finding ways to build upon high-value, coordinated services. Patients receive care from a number of providers across a wide variety of settings. Providers such as Queen's have stepped up to advance our capabilities in coordinating that care, including investing in comprehensive electronic health systems.

We would respectfully suggest that the task force focus on finding opportunities to fund and support this system through the use of federal funds.

Efforts to improve end-of-life-care—and, in particular, the patient's experience and quality of care during this time—is important. That is why we would ask for your support of HCR 35.

The mission of The Queen's Health Systems is to fulfill the intent of Queen Emma and King Kamehameha IV to provide in perpetuity quality health care services to improve the well-being of Native Hawaiians and all of the people of Hawai'i.